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SUBJECT: MORNING TRAVELLING PRESS SUMMARY, AUGUST 24

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AP -- BARRY SCHWEID FROM PEKING

LEAD: " SECSTATE VANCE MET TODAY WITH DEPPREMIER TENG AND
HOPED TO GET DOWN TO CHIEF BUSINESS OF HIS TRIP TO CHINA,
CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS."

OTHER POINTS:

-- US SPOKESMAN SAID TALKS NOW WILL MOVE AT ACCELERATED
RATE.

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-- CONSIDERED UNLIKELY CHINESE WOULD MODERATE DEMAND
REITERATED BY HUA LAST WEEK THAT US CUT ALL DIPLOMATIC AND
MILITARY TIES WITH TAIWAN.

-- CARTER ADMIN HAS PROMISED NOT TO ABANDON NATIONALISTS,
BUT THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION US WOULD GIVE UP DIPLOMATIC
TIES IF IT COULD KEEP ECONOMIC AND MILITARY RELATIONS.

-- TENG SMILED AND CHATTED WITH JOURNALISTS, QUOTED MAO AS
HE OFFERED THEM CIGARETTES.

-- VANCE MET HUANG BEFORE SEEING TENG. SPOKESMAN CARTER SAID HUANG MADE SOME POINTS ABOUT NORMALIZATION, BUT WOULD NOT ELABORATE.

UPI -- JIM ANDERSON FROM PEKING

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE TOOK UP THORNY SUBJECT OF NORMALIZED SINO-US RELATIONS TODAY WITH DEPPREMIER TENG, NUMBER TWO MAN IN CHINESE LEADERSHIP."

OTHER POINTS:

-- TENG TALKED WITH JOURNALISTS AS HE POSED FOR PIX; REMINISCED OF MAO AS HE OFFERED THEM CIGARETTES.

-- US OFFICIALS SAID SEC WOULD OPEN SERIOUS TALKS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS, BUT NOTED NEITHER SIDE WAS IN HURRY TO TACKLE TAIWAN ISSUE. IT IS LIKELY VANCE WILL LEAVE PEKING WITHOUT CLEAR ANSWER TO THAT PROBLEM.

-- PRIOR TO TENG MEETING, VANCE SAW HUANG FOR THIRD TIME, DISCUSSED VARIETY OF ISSUES INCLUDING NORMALIZATION, ACCORDING TO SPOKESMAN CARTER.
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-- STILL NOT KNOWN WHETHER VANCE WILL SEE HUA. US OFFICIALS SAID IT WOULD BE SEVERE SETBACK IF THAT MEETING DOESN'T TAKE PLACE.

UPI ALSO RUNNING ANDERSON SIDE STORY ON TENG, INCLUDING BIO BACKGROUND AND COLOR ON VANCE-TENG MEETING.

REUTERS -- IAN MACKENZIE FROM PEKING

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE MET DEPPREMIER TENG, CHINA'S NUMBER THREE LEADER, TODAY AS HIGH-LEVEL TALKS MOVED ONTO TRICKY SUBJECT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND US."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE HAD THIRD SESSION WITH HUANG, IN WHICH BOTH SIDES LAID OUT THEIR POSITIONS ON INTERNATIONAL AND BILATERAL QUESTIONS.

-- KEY ISSUE OF TAIWAN SURE TO ARISE AGAIN IN TENG MEETING.

-- STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID AMERICAN SIDE EXPECTED MORE "DISCUSSION" FROM NOW ON.

-- SPECULATION THAT TENG WILL BECOME PREMIER WHEN NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS, "CHINA'S RUBBER-STAMP PARLIAMENT," MEETS.

REUTERS ALSO RUNNING BACKGROUND STORY ON TENG.

NEWSPAPERS

(RESPECTFULLY CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO CONTRAST BETWEEN
NY TIMES AND WASH POST COVERAGE.)

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NY TIMES -- FOX BUTTERFIELD FROM PEKING

LEAD: "TENG, CHINA'S THIRD-RANKING LEADER, WILL JOIN THE
CHINESE DELEGATION TOMORROW FOR TALKS WITH SECSTATE VANCE,
A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TONIGHT, AND THE SUBJECT
IS SCHEDULED TO BE THE CRITICAL ISSUE OF TAIWAN."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE MET FOR TWO AND A HALF HOURS WITH HUANG TUESDAY,
CONTINUED HIS EXPOSITION OF US FOREIGN POLICY AND THEN
MOVED INTO A DISCUSSION OF SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS.
SPOKESMAN CARTER SAID VANCE HAD PRESENTED A NUMBER OF
IDEAS TO CHINESE, AND GAVE THEM A GREAT DEAL OF MATERIAL.
HE DECLINED TO SAY WHETHER VANCE HAD OFFERED ANY SPECIFIC
PROPOSALS ON TAIWAN IMPASSE.

-- TODAY'S EDITION OF JENMIN JIH PAO PUBLISHED TEXT OF HUA
REPORT CONTAINING "HIGHLY UNFLATTERING" REFERENCE TO US.
HUA QUOTED LENIN THAT A COUNTRY SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
ANY ALLY, EVEN THOUGH IT BE "TEMPORARY, VACILLATING,
UNSTABLE, UNRELIABLE AND CONDITIONAL." PUBLICATION OF
THAT TEXT TODAY WAS REMINDER OF HOW THEY VIEW RELATIONS
WITH US.

-- VANCE LUNCHEDED AT SZECHUAN RESTAURANT. OKSENBERG SAID
VANCE ATE SEVERAL PEPPERS.

-- VANCE ATTENDED ACROBATIC SHOW.

-- MRS VANCE VISITED GREAT WALL. "I THINK THIS IS JUST
GREAT," SHE SAID.

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WASH POST -- JAY MATHEWS FROM PEKING (P-1)

LEAD: "CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY CHAIRMAN HUA AFFIRMED FOR
THE FIRST TIME IN A SPEECH PUBLISHED TODAY HIS COMMITMENT
TO CONTINUED RELATIONS WITH THE US TO COUNTER THE SOVIET

THREAT."

OTHER POINTS:

-- IN HIS MOST COMPREHENSIVE FOREIGN POL STATEMENT YET, FILLING SIX PAGES OF PEOPLE'S DAILY, HUA REPEATED LENIN'S ADVICE (QUOTED ABOVE).

-- THIS "TYPICAL CHINESE BACKHANDED COMPLIMENT" FOLLOWED BY "SIGNIFICANT UPGRADING" OF TALKS, WITH ANNOUNCEMENT TENG WOULD JOIN THEM WEDNESDAY. THESE STEPS ARE INDICATIONS CHINESE STILL ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO IMPROVED TIES WITH US.

-- VANCE VISIT UP TO NOW HAS BEEN LOW-KEY.

-- HUA STATEMENT APPEARS DESIGNED TO ANSWER ALBANIAN CRITICISM OF US CONNECTION, "BUT IT ALSO PROVIDES SOME BACKHANDED ENCOURAGEMENT TO VANCE'S SLOW AND CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS."

-- TUESDAY MORNING, VANCE COMPLETED HIS REVIEW OF US FOREIGN POL; ONE SOURCE REPORTED CHINESE ASKED SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT US POLICY IN AFRICA.

-- VANCE THEN BROUGHT UP TAIWAN ISSUE WITH HUANG, REPORTEDLY SEEKING COMPROMISE THAT WOULD LET US CONTINUE TO GUARANTEE TAIWAN'S SECURITY.

-- WHEN HUANG, IN TOAST, REFERRED TO HUA SPEECH, REPORTERS HAD ONLY SEEN SMALL PORTION OF SPEECH WHICH RESTATED CHINESE CONDITIONS FOR NORMALIZATION. CHINESE LATER MADE UNCLASSIFIED

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CERTAIN THAT EACH AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT HAD COPY OF FULL 81-PAGE TEXT.

-- LENIN QUOTE WAS ORIGINALLY USED BY MAO TO JUSTIFY OPENING TO US; REAPPEARANCE NOW SIGNIFIES THAT HUA DETERMINED TO FOLLOW SAME POLICY.

BALT SUN -- HANK TREWHITT FROM PEKING

LEAD: "CHINA'S RECEPTION OF SECSTATE VANCE, WARMED ABRUPTLY YESTERDAY AFTER HE PRESENTED AMERICAN PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES."

OTHER POINTS:

-- "BY LAST NIGHT TREATMENT THAT HAD BEEN MERELY CORRECT FOR TWO DAYS BECAME DEMONSTRATIVELY FRIENDLY." US OFFICIALS SAID VANCE WILL NEGOTIATE WEDNESDAY WITH TENG, WHO ALSO INVITED SEC TO DINNER AT SUMMER PALACE.

-- WHAT VANCE TOLD HUA TUESDAY NOT MADE PUBLIC, BUT IT WAS KNOWN TO INCLUDE US THOUGHTS ON HOW TO EVADE OBSTACLES TO NORMALIZATION. PRINCIPAL OBSTACLE IS TAIWAN, AND US WOULD LIKE ASSURANCE FROM PRC THAT IT WOULD NOT TRY TO REGAIN TAIWAN BY FORCE.

-- SO FAR, VANCE HAS MET WITH HUANG. TENG WILL PRESUMABLY PRESENT CHINESE RESPONSE TO US IDEAS.

-- PRC HAS BEEN UNWAVERING IN ITS CLAIM TO TAIWAN. US OFFICIALS EXPECT NO PUBLIC CHANGE; AT MOST, THEY HOPE FOR SIGNALS THAT CAN BE DEVELOPED INTO FUTURE ACTION. IF TENG AND HUA ARE AS PRAGMATIC AS THEY SOUND, THEY MAY UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCEPT COMPROMISE WHICH BYPASSES FORMAL POSITION, IN EXCHANGE FOR US HELP IN CHINA'S DEVELOPMENT.

LA TIMES -- LINDA MATHEWS FROM PEKING (P-1)

LEAD: "FOR FIRST TIME, CHAIRMAN HUA HAS UNDERScored CHINA'S COMMITMENT TO CONTINUED RELATIONS WITH US AND INDICATED THAT HIS REGIME HAS NO INTENTION OF SEEKING DETENTE WITH THE SOVIET UNION."

OTHER POINTS:

-- POSITION CONTAINED IN LENGTHY STATEMENT BEFORE 11TH PARTY CONGRESS BANNERED IN PEOPLE'S DAILY TUESDAY.

-- REMARKS SHOULD PROVE ENCOURAGING TO CARTER ADMIN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING VANCE, WHO HAVE URGED CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO NORMALIZATION. UNTIL NOW, MAIN ARGUMENT FOR ABRUPT US SWING TOWARDS CHINESE WAS THAT PRC MIGHT OTHERWISE SEEK DETENTE WITH USSR.

-- CHINESE ALSO SCHEDULED MEETING WITH TENG, WHICH MAY MEAN TALKS HAVE REACHED STAGE OF SERIOUS BARGAINING.

-- HUA FOREIGN POL DISCUSSION AIMED AT ALBANIANS, WHO HAVE CRITICIZED CHINESE DEALING WITH US.

-- EXTENSIVE QUOTES FROM HUA SPEECH, INCLUDING LENIN QUOTE CITED ABOVE.

-- VANCE TUESDAY TALKS MOSTLY CONCERNED WITH HIS OUTLINE OF CARTER ADMIN FOREIGN POL. SUBJECT OF TAIWAN DID ARISE, THOUGH NOT AT LENGTH, DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID. CHINESE ASKED OCCASIONAL QUESTIONS, "MOSTLY ABOUT THE SOVIET INFLUENCE IN AFRICA."

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BOSTON GLOBE -- NO BEECHER. RAN UPI COVERAGE SUMMARIZED
IN EVENING CABLE AUGUST 23.

WSJ -- NO KEATLEY. FRONT PAGE CARRIED BRIEF ITEM NOTING
VANCE TO HAVE "CRUCIAL" MEETING WITH TENG. SAID VANCE'S
RECEPTION CONTINUED TO BE UNSPECTACULAR, ALTHOUGH US
SPOKESMAN SAID DISCUSSIONS WERE "VERY USEFUL."

CSM -- FRED MORITZ FROM PEKING

LEAD: "THE 'LIONS' LEAPED AND DANCED -- A DRAMATIC BEGIN-
NING TO AN EVENING ACROBATIC SHOW ATTENDED BY SECSTATE
VANCE. MEANWHILE, ANOTHER DRAMATIC EVENT WAS SCHEDULED --
AN AUG. 24 AFTERNOON MEETING WITH RECENTLY REHABILITATED
VICE-PREMIER TENG. TOGETHER THESE TWO DEVELOPMENTS TELL
MUCH ABOUT CHANGING CULTURAL AND POLITICAL SCENE IN
CHINA."

OTHER POINTS:

-- DANCERS' "NONPOLITICAL GYRATIONS" SYMBOLIZED NEWLY-FREE
CULTURAL ATMOSPHERE; DURING HAK TRIPS, US VISITORS SAW
HIGHLY POLITICAL OPERAS.

-- MEETING WITH TENG MARKS LATTER'S RETURN TO POLITICAL
RESPONSIBILITIES.

-- ANALYSTS CAUTION AGAINST READING TOO MUCH INTO VANCE-
TENG MEETING. SUCH A SESSION WAS EXPECTED EVEN IF TALKS
HIT SNAG.

-- DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL ISSUES ONLY BEGUN, BUT GENERAL
TENOR OF TALKS SO FAR HAS BEEN SERIOUS, BUSINESSLIKE AND
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FREE FROM RECRIMINATIONS WHICH HAVE SOMETIMES MARKED US-
PRC EXCHANGES.
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